

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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March 30, 2004

FROM: PETER R. HILLS, Fire Chief/Fire Warden
San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District

**SUBJECT: APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER WITH SUNRISE COLLISION CENTER FOR REPAIRS TO
WATER TENDER-FOREST FALLS**

RECOMMENDATION: Acting as the governing body of County Service Area 70, San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District (County Fire), authorize the County Purchasing Department to issue a purchase order to Sunrise Collision Center, Fontana, in the amount of \$31,145, for the provision of repair services for a damaged water tender assigned to Forest Falls Fire Station No. 128.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: County Fire maintains a fleet of emergency response vehicles. This fleet includes fire engines, ambulances, emergency rescue squads, water tenders and many other emergency vehicles. Forest Falls Fire Protection District contracts with CSA 70 to provide vehicle service, maintenance and repair. In October 2003, a water tender from Station No. 128 (Forest Falls), while responding to call, was involved in a roll-over and sustained major damages requiring replacement of the water tank, body repair to the cab and pump enclosure, and a paint job. This unit is equipped with a 2700 gallon water tank, 500 gallon per minute pump with pump and roll capability, a foam system, automatic transmission to allow easier operation for the driver, two-drive axles to assist in inclement weather and terrain, and compartmental space to store all the needed fire fighting equipment. Replacement of a unit of this type would cost the department over \$200,000; so consequently, County Fire's recommendation is to repair damages.

County Fire regularly uses a number of automotive repair vendors throughout the County, and County Fire obtained estimates for the automotive repairs. Five vendors were contacted; however, only Sunrise Collision Center and American La France provided quotes. American La France submitted a bid of \$45,462, while Sunrise Collision Center was the lowest competitive bidder at \$31,145. Both vendors are on the County purchasing list of approved automotive services vendors. The County Purchasing Department has authorized that County Fire proceed with a selection based on these two bids because of the necessity to place fire apparatus back into service without further delay.

County Policy No. 11-05 requires County departments to seek Board approval when contracting for services with any vendor in excess of an aggregate amount of \$25,000 per department, per fiscal year. County Fire is requesting authorization to proceed with the lowest bid received from Sunrise Collision Center (\$31,145) based on their competitive pricing, reliable service and ability to expedite repairs.

Approval of this recommendation will authorize the County Purchasing Department to issue a purchase order to Sunrise Collision Center, in the amount of \$31,145, for automotive repairs for a water tender in Forest Falls.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (L.Thomas Krahelski, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5436) on March 15, 2004, County Purchasing Department (Bill Brock, Deputy Purchasing Agent, 387-2464) on March 15, 2004, and County Administrative Office (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst, 387-5409) on March 18, 2004.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: The total cost associated with the purchase order (\$31,145) will be fully funded by the County Service Area 70 District budget for fiscal year 2003/2004 (SKX-106-305-2855). CSA 70 is covered under a self-funded JPA Insurance Plan and Risk Management is the plan administrator. Once repairs are completed, the District will submit a claim to County Risk Management for full reimbursement as damages incurred are covered under the District's liability insurance.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this item and concurs with County Fire's request and recommends this action based on the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the County of San Bernardino. This action is necessary to enable County Fire to properly repair a damaged water tender and subsequently place the equipment back into the Forest Falls area to resume fire and rescue services. The purchase order cost will have no impact to the County's General Fund.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT (S): Third

PRESENTER: Peter R. Hills 387-5948